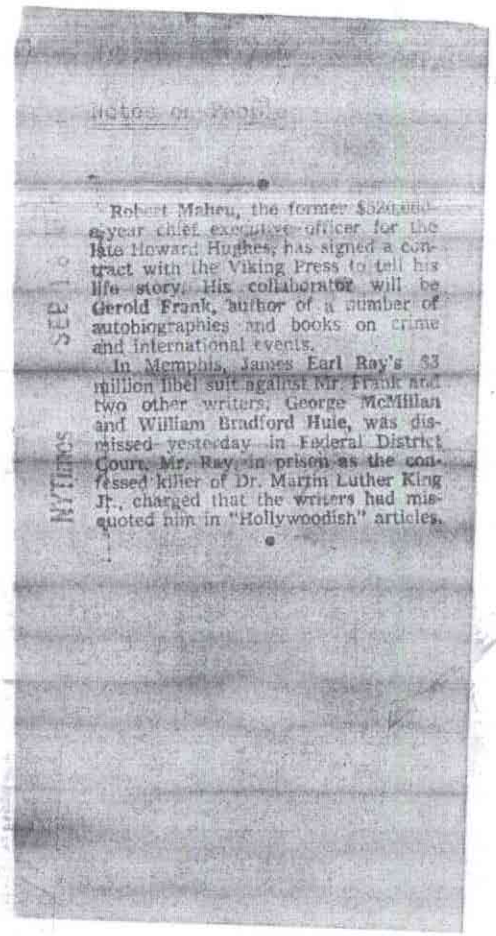

Notes on People

Robert Maheu, the former $520,000-a-year chief executive officer for the late Howard Hughes, has signed a contract with the Viking Press to tell his life story. His collaborator will be **Gerold Frank**, author of a number of autobiographies and books on crime and international events.

In Memphis, James Earl Ray's $3 million libel suit against Mr. Frank and two other writers, George McMillan and William Bradford Huie, was dismissed yesterday in Federal District Court. Mr. Ray, in prison as the confessed killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., charged that the writers had misquoted him in "Hollywoodish" articles.

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